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SPRING FEST 2009

Re-cycle ... Re-claim ... Re-use ...

Spring Festival time is here again! The festive event is scheduled from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at the West Jefferson School. The Ashe County Arts Council is the sponsor.

Recycling is the theme for Spring Fest 2009! Hands-on activities using “found” materials will abound including over three dozen projects in painting, clay, sculpture, weaving, printmaking, silk screening, basketry, quilting, face painting, jewelry making and many other craft activities. There will be a nominal charge of \$3 to silkscreen a T-shirt with the festival logo. All other activities are free.

The Very Special Arts Festival is a companion event with Spring Fest each year. Ashe County's exceptional students and adults will be treated to a day of art-filled fun on Friday, April 3. Special music performances and activities will be provided throughout the day by **Lisa Baldwin**.

Exhibits from all Ashe County schools will highlight student artwork in a variety of art forms. Roving entertainment will be offered throughout the day by **Chaz the Magician**, clowning and balloon sculptures by **Chris Cary**, and juggling, mime and interactive theatre by **Jef**. The popular youth “Talent Show” will be a day-long event throughout the Festival with student performers.

Pizza, subs, nachos, cookies, and drinks will be available for hungry folks in the lobby. Spring Fest is partially funded by a Community Arts Program (CAPs) Grant from the Grassroots Arts Program of the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency, and is sponsored by the Ashe County Arts Council. Spring Fest and Very Special Arts 2009 promise two great days of celebrating the arts. Check out the fun ways you can recycle materials and turn them into works of art! Interested in volunteering? We need you, give us a call. We look forward to seeing you on April 4!



ONE MEATBALL - THE CONCERT

Yes, you read that right! It's a concert and it's all about food! **Christine Lavin** returns to the stage of the Ashe Civic Center on Saturday, May 2nd for an evening of fun and food. Christine is a singer, songwriter, and guitarist, and her knack for selecting material is legendary.

The evening will kick off with May Meatball Madness, a first ever meatball cooking contest for Ashe County! Local cooks are invited to submit their favorite batch of meatballs as they vie for the first place prize. Concert-goers will have the opportunity to participate in the meatball tasting and can vote for their favorite concoction. Beverages, cheese, breads, and desserts will be available. Food related artwork, sculptural food, and lots of surprises will be in store for those attending!

One Meatball, the Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. How many food related songs can you name? Reserved seating is available with concert ticket prices of \$12 for adults and \$5 for students; tasting fee is \$5. Tickets may be obtained at the Ashe Arts Center or by calling 336.846-ARTS.

THE GARY POE RADIO SHOW

Mark your calendars for the popular Gary Poe Radio Show broadcast live from the stage of the Ashe Civic Center. Beginning “a little after 11:00” Gary will bring the best in bluegrass and old time music to the stage on April 11, May 23, September 12, October 17 and November 7. Admission is free!

E-NEWS INFORMATION AVAILABLE!

Would you like to receive timely reminders about special arts happenings in Ashe County? We'd be glad to add you to the growing list of folks who receive regular email blasts about upcoming concerts, exhibits, opportunities for artists, and special arts events. Send us a message with your email address and we'll put you on the list! Stay in touch electronically and don't miss out on arts happenings! Respond to Jane at jlsharts@skybest.com.



**The Gallery &
Gallery Shop**
303 School Avenue
Downtown West Jefferson
Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



*The Old Moon in a
Young Moon's Arms*
by Janet Warner

POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE

Imagine a gallery filled with over seventy works of art all the same postcard size, all uniformly framed. The similarity ends there, however, with artists from across western North Carolina contributing paintings, photography, clay, fibers, and mixed media works to a traveling exhibit called *Postcards from the Edge*.

Contributing Ashe artists include Catherine Altice, Joanie Bell, Garrett Briggs, Linda Bruce, Theresa Curd, Linda Harms, Rebecca Herman, Marsha Holmes, Sharon Kasel, Luther Krider, Pat Morrison, Ed Perzel, Scot Pope, Clayton Proctor, Robert Ray, Cheryl Roberts, Stephen Shoemaker, Nancy Shoemaker, Lyn Soeder, Carlton Trainum, Susan Van Wyk, Janet Warner, and Loretta Weaver.

The works are for sale at a uniform price of \$70 each! Proceeds from the sale benefits local arts councils and the regional Western Arts Agencies of North Carolina. The exhibit travels April through October in Wilkes, Ashe, Watauga, Henderson, Caldwell, Burke, and Cleveland Counties.

An opening reception for the exhibit and Ashe artists will be held Thursday, May 7 from 5 – 7 p.m. in the Gallery of the Ashe Arts Center. *Postcards from the Edge* closes May 30.

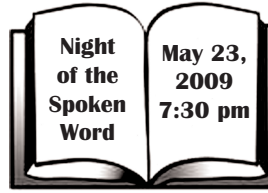
YOUNG AT ART

Student artwork abounds in Ashe County! The 17th annual *Young at Art* Exhibit features the works of Ashe County students in grades Kindergarten through 12. The exhibit runs through May 2 in The Gallery of the Ashe Arts Center.



The exhibit includes paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, fibers, knitting, woodcarving and pottery with over 150 works of art on display. The work is the result of instruction by parents, classroom teachers, arts education specialists and special residencies sponsored by the Arts Council. The creative spirit of our young people is in abundance at *Young at Art*. Many of the works are for sale. Invest in the future and support Ashe County's youth!

For more information, call the Arts Center at 846-ARTS.



An evening of poetry and prose readings by some of Ashe County's favorite writers will be held Saturday, May 23. The **Night of the Spoken Word** will feature local writers all sharing their favorite selections of original poetry or prose with

the audience. Ashe County has an abundance of creative writers, and the Arts Council is pleased to offer them a forum to display their talents. The readings begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Ashe Arts Center. Refreshments will be available and admission is by donations. For more information, call the Arts Council at 336.846-ARTS.



The 2009 schedule of classes is now available!
Visit the website for information on over three dozen classes.
Call 336.846-2787 for registration information.
www.florenceartschool.org

ARTifacts YARD SALE AND PREVIEW PARTY

The Ashe County Arts Council's super-duper yard sale, ARTifacts, returns Friday and Saturday, April 24 and 25. ARTifacts is a fund-raiser for community and school programs sponsored by the Arts Council. This year's sale site is at the West Jefferson School.

ARTifacts



Donated items of all descriptions are welcome and may be delivered to West Jefferson from 9 am until 5 pm from April 22 through April 24. Furniture, household goods, books, toys, clothing, paintings, and knick-knacks in good condition will be available. You know what they say, "One man's trash is another man's treasure!" This year's sale promises to be the biggest and best ever!

Add Friday evening, April 24th to your calendar for the fun Preview Party and Sale beginning at 7 p.m. For a \$3 admission fee, early bird shoppers can gain entry to the sale and get first shot at purchasing the yard sale items. Refreshments will be available and some of Ashe County's favorite acoustic musicians will gather to pick and sing traditional and folk music throughout the evening. Regular sale hours on Saturday, April 25 are from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Shop with the Arts Council, get great bargains and support the arts—all in one stop! Call the Arts Council at 846-ARTS for more information or to donate items.

FUND DRIVE

Thanks, arts friends! Your support of our 2008-09 Fund Drive has been terrific! If you haven't already done so, please take this opportunity to contribute to the ASHE COUNTY ARTS COUNCIL in support of school and community arts programming. These contributions are an investment in the arts future of Ashe County. Contributions may be mailed to 303 School Avenue, West Jefferson, North Carolina 28694. Thanks for your support!

SCHOOL ARTS HAPPENINGS

The Arts Council's sponsorship of cultural programs in Ashe County schools continues to enhance students' education through the arts. Concerts and residencies will be offered during April and May sponsored jointly by the Ashe County Arts Council and local schools. Funding comes from an Arts and Audiences Grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency, the Southern Arts Federation, the National Endowment for the Arts, with sponsorship by the Ashe County Arts Council.

Mickey McMasters

Mountain Arts Program Residency in Visual Arts
March 30 – April 3, All schools

Sigrid Hice

Mountain Arts Program Residency in Book Making and Creative Writing
April 20 – 24, Mountain View Elementary School

ASU Young People's Theatre

The Lake at the End of the World
Inca folk tale with puppetry and music
April 21 & 23, Blue Ridge and Mountain View Elementary Schools

Steele Pan Steel Drum Band

ASU's ensemble with sounds of the islands!
April 24, Westwood, Ashe County Middle School



ASHE COUNTY CHORAL FESTIVAL

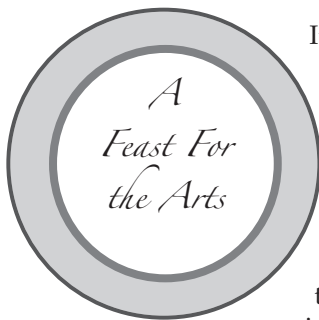
The fourth Ashe County Choral Festival will be held Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 in the Ashe County High School Auditorium. The Festival will showcase the high quality choral programs available in Ashe County schools and will feature an evening of individual choruses and massed choir selections.

Participating choruses and their directors include Blue Ridge Elementary (Chris Watson), Mountain View Elementary (Pat Lanno), Westwood Elementary (Mary Greene), Ashe County Middle School (Janice Brice-Nash), and Ashe County High School (Andrea Spears.) Selections will range from classical to spirituals, and folk melodies to patriotic tunes.

Funding for the Festival is partially funded by a Community Arts Program (CAPs) Grant from the Grassroots Arts Program of the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency, and is sponsored locally by the Ashe County Arts Council. Admission is \$3 per person. Tickets are available in advance from the Ashe County Arts Council or by calling 336.846-ARTS.



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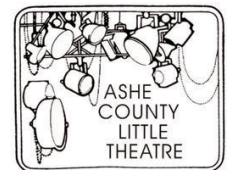


It's time for some artful cooking when **A Feast for the Arts**, the annual event sponsored by the Ashe County Arts Council, returns offering people an opportunity to have a good time while supporting the fine work of the Arts Council. The event began in 2007 to celebrate the Arts Council's 30th Anniversary.

A Feast for the Arts will be held on Saturday, May 16 in the homes of Ashe County's fabulous cooks. The hosts provide the food, and the guests made a minimum \$25 per-plate donation with all proceeds going to the Arts Council. After dinner the parties move to the Arts

Center where everyone will enjoy desserts and beverages provided by more than a dozen restaurants in Ashe and Watauga counties. Guests will also have the chance to bid on colorful dinner plates painted by two-dozen local artists. These unique, original works of art are available for viewing and bidding by Silent Auction during the gourmet dessert buffet.

Host homes are still needed! If you enjoy showing off your culinary skills and like to entertain, the Arts Council invites you to host any number of your friends for dinner. We'll show you what to do. Don't miss this important, fun event and the opportunity to support the Arts Council's school and community programming. For more information, call 336.846-ARTS.



AUDITIONS for ***A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum***, ACLT's summer musical, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 27 at the Ashe Civic Center. For more information call 336.846-ARTS.

THANK YOU! Thank you to a great group of volunteers!

Mary Allen, Alice Atwood, Eileen Bell, Tab Bell, Sara Benfield, Joanne Boman, Karen Brock, Linda Bruce, Jennie Bush, Ed Cline, Theresa Curd, Judy Dancy, Andrea Douglass, Molly Gambill, Josette Glover, Gary Gonyea, Kathy Howell, Carolyn Johnson, Dana Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Sharon Kasel, Deneise Liss, Becky Marsten, Amy Mathews, Julia Mathews, Lib McRimmon, Caroline Mickalitis, Barbara Miller, Edie Miller, Jody Miller, Melba Miller, Pat Mills, Carolyn Mock, Pat Moncrief, Vicky Moody, Michele Obenchain, Tammy Parunak, Ed and Ellie Perzel, Burt and Sandra Prange, Barbara Sexton, LaMae Strange, Vernon Taylor, Steve Turner, June Weaver.

APRIL

- 1-30... "Young At Art" exhibit, Ashe Arts Center
1-11... *Of Mice and Men*, Barter Theatre, Abingdon, VA
1-11... *Four Places*, Barter Stage II, Abingdon, VA
1-18... *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Barter Theatre, Abingdon, VA
3-5... Ashe County Little Theatre presents *Dinner's At Noon*, 7:30 pm Fri-Sat., 2 pm Sun., Ashe Civic Center
3,10,17,24... Phipps Store Friday Night Jam, Lansing 336-384-2382
4... Spring Fest, 9 am - 2pm, West Jefferson Elementary School
4... Elkville String Band, Mountain Music Jamboree, Glendale Springs
4... *Man 1, Bank 0*, 7:30 pm, Hayes Center, Blowing Rock
7... Ashe County Choral Festival, 7 pm, Ashe County High School
9... Shapenotes Singers meet, 7 pm, Ashe Arts Center
10... Todd CommUnity Dance, 7:30 pm, Todd Mercantile 336-877-5401
11... Big Country Bluegrass, Mountain Music Jamboree, Glendale Springs
11... Davis & Dow: Jazz Divas, 7:30 pm, Hayes Center, Blowing Rock
13-14, 20-21... HayesGrass Quarterfinals, Hayes Center, Blowing Rock
14... Ashe County Arts Council meets, 6:30 pm, Ashe Arts Center
15-30... *Othello*, Barter Stage II, Abingdon, VA
17... John McEuen, 7:30 pm, Hayes Center, Blowing Rock
18... Contemporary Christian Music Night, Mountain Music Jamboree, Glendale Springs
22... Friends of the Ashe County Public Library meet, 11 am, WJUMC Hensley Hall. Guest: Jack MacConnell, "Rescuing Hubble: The Final Servicing Mission"
23... ASU Gospel Choir, 7:30 pm, Hayes Center, Blowing Rock
23-26... Merlefest, Wilkes Community College, Wilkesboro
23-30... *Jimmie Rodgers: America's Blue Yodeler*, Barter Theatre, Abingdon
24... ARTifacts Yard Sale Preview Party, 7-9pm, West Jefferson School
24-26... Johnson County Community Theatre presents *Mousetrap*, Heritage Hall, Mountain City 423-727-7444
25... ARTifacts Yard Sale, 8am-2pm, West Jefferson School
25... Blue Ridge Art Clan meets, 9:30 am, Florence. Watercolor techniques with Wes Waugh.
25... Livingston Taylor, 7:30 pm, Hayes Center, Blowing Rock
27... Auditions for Ashe County Little Theatre's *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, 6:30 pm, Ashe Civic Center

MAY

- 5-30... "Postcards From the Edge" exhibit, Ashe Arts Center
1-3... Johnson County Community Theatre presents *Mousetrap*, Heritage Hall, Mountain City 423-727-7444
1-9... Disney's *High School Musical II - On Stage!*, Hayes Center, Blowing Rock
1-16... *Othello*, Barter Stage II, Abingdon, VA
1-23... *Jimmie Rodgers: America's Blue Yodeler*, Barter Theatre, Abingdon
1,8,15,22,29... Phipps Store Friday Night Jam, Lansing 336-384-2382
2... The Dollar Boys, Mountain Music Jamboree, Glendale Springs
2... Christine Lavin's *One Meatball... the concert*, 7:30 pm, Ashe Civic Center
4-5,15... HayesGrass Semifinals & Finals, Hayes Center, Blowing Rock
7... Artists' reception for "Postcards From the Edge" exhibit, Ashe Arts Center
9... Amantha Mill Band, Mountain Music Jamboree, Glendale Springs
9... Hot Club of San Francisco, 3 pm, Hayes Center, Blowing Rock
12... Ashe County Arts Council meets, 6:30 pm, Ashe Arts Center
14... Shapenotes Singers meet, 7 pm, Ashe Arts Center
15... The Lettermen & The Association, 8 pm, Walker Center, Wilkesboro
15... Todd CommUnity Dance 7:30 pm, Todd Mercantile 336-877-5401
16... A Feast for The Arts, Ashe Arts Center
16... Lonesome River Band, 7:30 pm, Hayes Center, Blowing Rock
16... Old Dogs New Tricks, Mountain Music Jamboree, Glendale Springs
21-31... *Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks*, Barter Stage II, Abingdon, VA
23... Blue Ridge Art Clan meets, 9:30 am, Florence. Critique with Richard Tumbleston.
23... Sugarloaf Ramblers, Mountain Music Jamboree, Glendale Springs
23... Night of the Spoken Word, 7:30 pm, Ashe Arts Center
24... Asheville Lyric Opera presents *The Elixir of Love*, 3 pm, Hayes Center, BR
27... Friends of the Ashe County Public Library annual meeting, 11 am, WJUMC Hensley Hall



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